

'Jota' statue a landmark in Sircilla's handloom saga

Symbol of weavers' hard work, textile heritage takes shape at Collectorate junction



The 'Jota' statue at Sircilla Collectorate junction, symbolising the town's rich handloom heritage

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For Sircilla, handloom is not merely a profession but an important chapter in its social and economic history. To preserve this legacy and introduce it to future generations, 3D models depicting various stages of textile production have also been developed around the junction.

While the handloom sector has witnessed several changes over the years, the dedication, craftsmanship and skill of weavers have continued to define the town's legacy. Adding a new symbol to this heritage, a 'Jota' (traditional loom shuttle used by weavers) statue has taken shape at the Sircilla Collectorate junction.



SANTOSH KUMAR RAJANNA SIRCILLA:

A town where the rhythmic sound of looms once echoed from almost every household and handloom weaving was once the backbone of thousands of families, Sircilla has carved a distinct identity for itself through its rich textile heritage.

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weavers. The initiative aims to present the complete story of Sircilla's textile tradition at one location and highlight the unique contribution of the weaving community.

The installation is part of the development works taken up at Ragudu bypass junction at a cost of Rs 3.10 crore. Beyond beautification, the project is expected to emerge as a cultural landmark reflecting Sircilla's handloom identity.

The new attraction is likely to provide visitors an opportunity to understand the

town's textile heritage and the contribution of weavers.

At a time when the handloom sector continues to face challenges, the 'Jota' statue serves as a reminder of the resilience, skill and pride of the weaving community.

By bringing together the story of Sircilla's looms, the craftsmanship of its weavers and the journey behind its textiles, the 'Jota' statue marks a significant step towards preserving and promoting the town's handloom legacy.

Dy Mayor hits out at BRS leader over corruption charge

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HANS NEWS SERVICE KARIMNAGAR

BJP State spokesperson and Karimnagar Deputy Mayor Yadagiri Sunil Rao on Friday hit out at BRS leader Ravinder Singh over his allegations of corruption in excess tenders under the Urban Development Fund (UDF), asking him to introspect over the previous BRS government's record.

Speaking at a press conference here on Friday, Sunil Rao said it was unfortunate for Ravinder Singh to target Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar over the UDF scheme. He termed the allegations of Rs 30 crore to Rs 40 crore corruption baseless and demanded that Ravinder Singh substantiate his claims.

Sunil Rao said the UDF scheme for Karimnagar had received administrative sanction of Rs 180 crore, while the estimated contract value was around Rs 137 crore. Since the tendering and approval process was



handled by the State government, he questioned how the alleged corruption could have taken place.

He asked Ravinder Singh to explain the excess tenders issued during the BRS regime, particularly involving the company cited in his allegations. Sunil Rao claimed the same company had received works worth nearly Rs 6,000 crore during the previous government and referred to projects including Mid Manair, Gouravelli, Thotapalli and Mallanna Sagar.

Referring to the Rs 546-crore Maneru River

Front, he questioned the approval of its four per cent excess tender and demanded accountability for excess tenders issued during the previous regime.

Defending Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Sunil Rao said the Union Minister had no role in awarding tenders or contracts. He credited him with securing Rs 840 crore under the UDF scheme for Karimnagar's development.

He warned Ravinder Singh against making what he termed baseless allegations and demanded an apology.

BJP corporators and party leaders were present.



A warm felicitation ceremony marking the retirement of Nushitha, the Executive Director (ED) of the SC Corporation and District Welfare Officer, was held at Jangaon Collectorate on Friday. District Collector Rizwan Basha commended her for her services, including her role as the in-charge officer for the Minority Welfare department. He wished her a healthy and happy retired life and conveyed best wishes on behalf of the district administration.

Sridhar Babu: Mahadevpur Hospital will be rebuilt

Inaugurates a free cancer and eye screening medical camp

HANS NEWS SERVICE BHUBALAPALLY

IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said that the state government's aim is to provide quality medical services to people in remote areas.

He announced that the dilapidated Mahadevpur Community Hospital will be rebuilt with modern facilities, and that another free health camp will be held on August 4.

On Friday, the minister inaugurated a free cancer and eye screening medical camp conducted under the supervision of doctors from MNJ Hospital Hyderabad and Omega Hospital Karimnagar.

On the occasion, he said that a plan is being prepared to conduct special tests across the state to protect



women from cervical cancer. He said such camps are being organised with the intention of detecting the disease at an early stage and providing treatment without financial burden on the poor.

He said that through the Health ATM, it will be possible to carry out 64 types of medical tests quickly, and health cards will be

provided so that test details are securely stored for five years. He also revealed that modern equipment for ECG and eye tests has been made available.

The minister said the state government gives highest priority to health and education sectors and is continuing measures to provide better medical services even

in rural areas. He promised to modernize and rebuild Mahadevpur Government Hospital to deliver improved services to the public.

For public convenience, he said another free health camp will be held on August 4 under the aegis of MNJ Hospital. He urged everyone to make good use of this opportunity and get health checkups done, and asked officials to go door-to-door to raise awareness among people.

He revealed that under the Katam Division so far free eye operations have been performed for 680 people in Hyderabad restoring their sight, and that 45,000 people in Manthani constituency have received eye treatments.

He said such public welfare programs will be carried out on a larger scale in the future.

Japan firm explores partnership in TG for skilled driver training

The company team inspects facilities at Rajanna Sircilla institute

RAJANNA SIRCILLA

JAPAN-based HanaVista Consulting Pvt Ltd is exploring a long-term partnership with the ITDR Driving Training Institute in Telangana to train skilled Indian professional drivers and create employment opportunities in Japan.

As part of the initiative, representatives of the company visited the ITDR Driving Training Institute at Bad-napally in Thangallapally mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district on Friday to assess the institute's facilities and training capabilities.

The team inspected the driving training methods, infrastructure, training equipment, operational standards and overall learning environment at the institute. Discussions were also held on developing a structured



collaboration to equip Indian drivers with skills matching international requirements.

The initiative aims to provide better overseas employment opportunities for trained drivers from Telangana, officials said. If the proposed partnership takes shape, it is expected to create new avenues for youth seeking jobs in Japan.

The visit was conducted following directions from Telangana IAS officer Hari Prasad, with HanaVista Consulting CEO Sayuri Matsuno leading the delegation.

District Transport Officer D Srinivas, Motor Vehicle Inspector Vamsidhar and ITDR Principal Dorai Murugan were among those present during the visit.

Pension for thalassemia, sickle cell patients hailed

HANS NEWS SERVICE HANAMKONDA

INDIAN Red Cross Society Telangana State governing council member EV Srinivas Rao has welcomed the decision of the State government to implement pensions for thalassemia and sickle cell patients from August 15.

Although the government had issued orders in 2018 for the welfare of thalassemia and sickle cell patients, the pension scheme had not been implemented all these years. He expressed happiness over Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's announcement to implement the pension from August 15.

He said the issues faced by thalassemia and sickle cell patients were brought to the attention of the State government with the support of Rajya Sabha member Vem Narendar Reddy and Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy.

Five more dialysis beds added to Govt Hospital

HANS NEWS SERVICE KAGAZNAGAR

MLC Dande Vittal along with Sirpur MLA Palvai Harish Babu and health department officials, inaugurated five additional dialysis beds at the Government Hospital in Yellagoud Thota, Kagaznagar on Friday.

The expansion is aimed at enhancing dialysis services and ensuring better treatment for patients suffering from kidney ailments.

Speaking on the occasion, Dande Vittal said the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, is giving top priority to strengthening the public healthcare system. He said the objective is to provide advanced medical facilities at the local level so that people, particularly those from rural areas, need not travel to other districts for specialized treatment.

The MLC noted that dialysis is a life-saving treatment for patients with kidney diseases and that the limited number of dialysis beds had



previously resulted in long waiting periods. With the addition of five new beds, more patients will now be able to receive timely treatment, significantly improving access to essential healthcare services.

He reiterated that the government is continuously upgrading healthcare infrastructure and appealed to the public to take advantage of the improved medical facilities available at government hospitals.

HANS NEWS SERVICE KARIMNAGAR

CHOPPADANDI MLA and Karimnagar District Congress president Medipalli Satyam urged the district administration to take precautionary measures to prevent inconvenience to farmers and the public amid widespread rainfall across the district.

Satyam, along with Congress leaders, met District Collector Chitra Mishra at the Collectorate on Friday and sought measures to prevent seasonal diseases, ensure timely distribution of



fertilisers and repair damaged roads in rural and urban areas.

The Collector responded positively and assured them that necessary steps would be taken in coordination with officials of all concerned departments. Speaking to the media, Satyam said

the recent rains had brought relief to farmers who had been worried about drought conditions following the El Niño effect. He said agricultural activity had picked up, with farmers resuming ploughing and paddy transplantation, and congratulated the farming community.

Taking a dig at the BRS, the MLA alleged that its leaders had hoped drought conditions would create difficulties for farmers and politically benefit the party. He said the timely rains had proved such expectations wrong. He claimed that the Sripada Yellampally Project and SRSP Flood Flow Canal

were currently helping meet the water requirements of farmers in Telangana.

Referring to the recent Kondagattu Maha Giripradakshina, Satyam said Congress leaders had undertaken the programme seeking abundant rainfall and the welfare of farmers and the public. He criticised BRS leaders for ridiculing the spiritual programme and said it was conducted with a sincere intention for the welfare of the region.

District Congress vice-president Purumalla Manohar, District Youth Congress president Muthyam Shankar and others accompanied Satyam.